

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for protecting a mobile radio device against an unintended operating mode, comprising:

storing a first duration of a pressing of a pressed "on" power-on/off key, wherein no additional key is pressed during the first duration; and an almost simultaneously pressed one or more other keys;

storing a second duration of a pressing of at least one additional key, wherein the power-on/off key and the at least one additional key are pressed concurrently;

evaluating the first duration the pressed "on" key in relation to the second duration; and one or more pressed keys; and

switching the device to the an operating mode only if the first duration is greater than the second duration by at least a predefined period of time. only key alone is pressed.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for protecting a mobile radio device against unintended cancellation of a lock function, comprising:

enabling the lock function;

maintaining the lock function when a first duration of pressing an unlock key exceeds a predefined period and another key is pressed during the first duration within the predefined period; and

canceling the lock function when a second duration of pressing the unlock key exceeds the predefined period and no other key is pressed during the second duration within the predefined period.

storing a pressed lock key and an almost simultaneously pressed one or more other keys;

~~evaluating the pressed lock key in relation to the one or more pressed keys; and
canceling the key lock only if the lock key alone is pressed.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for protecting a mobile radio device against unintended activation of a function key, comprising:

storing a ~~pressed~~ first duration of pressing a function key and a second duration of a concurrent pressing of an additional key; an almost simultaneously pressed one or more other keys;

evaluating the ~~pressed function key~~ first duration in relation to the second duration, wherein a third duration is defined by the first duration and the second duration, the third duration representing the function key alone being pressed; ~~one or more pressed keys; and~~

activating ~~the an~~ associated function if the third duration exceeds a predefined period of time. ~~function key alone is pressed.~~

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to claim ~~3~~ 7, wherein the method for protecting the mobile device is performed ~~as using~~ an option in ~~in via~~ a menu.

Claim 9 (new): A method for protecting a mobile radio device against an unintended activating of a function, the mobile device comprising a first key and a second key, comprising:

switching on the mobile device;

activating the function when a first duration of pressing the first key exceeds a predefined period of time and no other key is pressed during the first duration within the predefined period of time; and

not activating the first function when a second duration of pressing the first key exceeds a predefined period of time and the second key is pressed during the second duration within the predefined period of time.

Claim 10 (new): The method according to claim 9, wherein the first key is a softkey.

Claim 11 (new): The method according to claim 9, wherein the first key is a speed-dial key.

Claim 12 (new): The method according to claim 9, wherein the first key is an internet-access key.